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KUWAIT ALSO PASS MUSCAT

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: MASS, UK, OM
SUBJECT: BRITISH JAGUARS AND RAPIERS FOR OMAN

1. FCO ME DEPARTMENT HEAD WRIGHT CONFIRMS PUBLIC AN-
NOUNCEMENT BY BRITISH AIRCRAFT CORP. THAT OMAN HAS
ORDERED 48 MILLION POUNDS WORTH OF RAPIER SURFACE-TO-AIR
MISSILES. DELIVERY WILL TAKE SOME TIME.

2. WRIGHT ALSO CONFIDES OMAN HAS ORDERED "ABOUT 12"
JAGUAR AIRCRAFT. DELIVERY PROBABLY WILL BE SPREAD OUT
OVER 30 MONTHS. THEIR VALUE RAISES TOTAL PACKAGE, FOR
BOTH RAPIERS AND JAGUARS, TO VICINITY OF 100 MILLION
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POUNDS (ABOUT $240 MILLION).

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3. COMMENT: WHEN WE CONTRASTED THIS DEVELOPMENT WITH PRIOR ATTITUDE COMMUNICATED TO US BY FCO OF OPPOSING OMANI EXPENDITURES FOR AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM, WRIGHT PROTESTED THAT OIL PRICE RISES HAD GREATLY CHANGED THE SITUATION. LAST YEAR FCO WAS DUG IN AGAINST SQUANDERING OF RELATIVELY STRAINED OMANI DEFENSE FUNDS ON MAJOR AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM. OIL CRISIS BROUGHT VAST NEW OMANI REVENUES. FACED WITH DETERMINATION OF SULTAN QABOOS TO BUY HIS AIR DEFENSE ITEMS, AND OBVIOUS HAPPINESS OF HMG TREASURY THAT HE WANTED TO BUY BRITISH, FCO WOULD NOT HAVE STOOD A CHANCE OF BLOCKING THE DEALS THIS YEAR. SOHM

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